

Department of Education seeks Summer Fellows

The Delaware Department of Education is accepting applications for summer fellowships for promising future leaders and current educators who have a passion for education and want to gain hands-on exposure to policy work.

There are two opportunities, one developed specifically for current college students and recent graduates and a second for current Delaware public school teachers and specialists.

Participants in both programs will own tightly-defined projects critical to Delaware's policy agenda. They also will participate in weekly sessions with Delaware leaders in state government, district and school leadership and community partners. These sessions are intended to develop them as leaders and provide context on education issues of national importance. The fellowships will culminate in a presentation of their work and policy recommendations to department staff and leadership.

Delaware Future Education Leaders Program

The Delaware Future Education Leaders Program has been developed specifically for current students and recent graduates as they explore careers in education and seek exposure to state government. Individuals from all programs of study are welcome to apply. Past fellows have worked on a variety of projects including educator compensation reform, data analysis, and information systems design.

The program begins on Monday, June 3 and ends on Thursday, August 8. There is a \$3,000 payment for this fellowship. Program fellows will work full days Monday-

Thursday.

"I am excited to have these outstanding college students and recent graduates join our department for the summer," Secretary of Education Susan Bunting said. "The department will benefit from the experiences and new ideas they bring to the policy challenges we are grappling with, and I hope they will end the summer having gained a better understanding of education policy and will have benefited from the mentorship of department leaders."

Educators as Catalysts Program

Educators as Catalysts Program has been developed specifically for current Delaware teachers and specialists (of any experience level) who seek exposure to the education policy processes that impact their schools and classrooms. The program begins on Monday, June 17 and ends on Thursday, August 1. There is a \$2,000 stipend for this fellowship. Program fellows will work full days Monday-Thursday.

"The teachers and specialists currently working in our schools bring valuable perspectives to our work. This is an outstanding opportunity for us to work closely with them to help shape policy at the state level that makes the most sense for our students, educators, and community," Bunting said.

The application deadline for both fellowships is Monday, April 1.

More information, including details on how to apply, is available [here](#).

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